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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on hens and toms. Offerings were light to adequate for the mostly fair demand. A few packers were turning away orders for Thanksgiving due to limited product availability. Trading was light on basted-netted-timed hens and toms for July delivery with price ceilings of 65 on hens and 67 on toms. Buyers were more willing to purchase breast meat at the lower levels and the market was closer to steady.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Inquiries were noted for export to Asia and Russia, however, current trading was light on tom drums to Asia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 16, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62.5	-	-	-	63.50	240	APR	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	61	-	-	-	63.50	40	APR	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 17, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	106.4	JUL
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	JUL
CENTRAL REGION	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 MARCH 1999.

Undertone steady at best on tom breast meat with unsettledness noted on frozen. Tom breast meat demand light to instances good, best on frozen with 2nd receivers clearing frozen inventories at lower price levels. Frozen tom breast meat (32 loads, current production) traded at 175-185 mostly 185 cents delivered prompt from a 2nd receiver. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to fully adequate, frozen tom breast meat and frozen thigh meat light to ample with some sellers willing to negotiate on frozen thigh meat, drums available. For export (spot loads): hen drums 20, plant grade 8-10 lb. breasts 95, strap-in tenderloins 139.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00		95.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	125.00	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.50		21.50	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	22.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	20.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.50		23.50	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	22.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	37.00	30
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	14
NECKS, HEN		F	19.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	200.00		200.00	40
THIGH MEAT	50.00		50.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	48.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	117.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	166.00	8
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	22.00		22.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.50-22.00		21.53	128
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.50	104
TAILS	24.00		24.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	50.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-87
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-75

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-115

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 MARCH 1999.

Undertone steady at best on tom breast meat and attempting to settle, frozen thigh meat steady to weak with offers noted at 47 cents delivered and also weakness noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins. Inquiry light to fair on whole tenderloins with retail interest noted and also on fresh tom drums and frozen tom 3-joint wings, balance of parts light. Hen parts better balanced than tom. Some improved export interest noted for Asia and Russia on mechanically separated turkey, however, some buyers bidding lower on tom 2-joint wings. For domestic: fresh destrapped tenderloins (1.75 loads) 165-167 mostly 165 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00		95.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	125.00	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00		90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	21.50	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	19.00-21.00		19.15	520
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00-20.00		19.67	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	23.50	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	22.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	37.00	30
NECKS, TOM		T	21.00	14
NECKS, HEN		F	19.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	177.50-180.00		178.28	640
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.00-195.00		188.33	240
THIGH MEAT		T	50.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	48.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	117.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	135.00		135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	148.00-150.00		149.00	320
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	22.00		22.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.50		18.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.50	104
TAILS		T	24.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	50.00	40

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 3/17/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1998-99	42,675	382,229	382,579
1997-98	6,000	366,821	367,071

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